

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A retainer for an adjustment device for an ~~over-centre~~over-center fastener for securing and clamping two parts (11, 12) together by applying a pulling force between said two parts by ~~means of a lever (30)~~, said adjustment device ~~including comprising:~~

an externally threaded member (27a) and an internally threaded member (23) rotatable relative to one another, said internally threaded member being a ~~conventional~~ lock nut (23) having a friction increasing insert (24) and being unrotationally held by a structure (31, 33) movable with the lever (30), ~~characterized in that~~

wherein said structure is a bent sheet metal structure (31, 33) having a generally inverted U-shaped portion including opposed flange portions (31a, 31b) and a web portion (31e), the flange portions being linked to a respective flange portion (30a, 30b) of the lever (30) and the web portion (31e) carrying an integral extension (33), a first portion (33a) of said extension being bent at substantially 90° so as to extend along and abut a respective forwardly directed edge (34) of the flange portions (30a, 30b), a second portion (33b) of said extension being bent at 90° in relation to the first portion, and a third portion (33c) of said extension being further bent at 90° in relation to the second portion (33b); flap portions (33d) originally extending in opposite directions from the third portion (33c) being bent towards the first portion (33a) so as to be mutually parallel, thus forming a nut retaining pocket (35).

2. (Currently Amended) The retainer according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~
wherein a distance between the flap portions (33d) is slightly greater than the a width between

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opposed surfaces (~~23a, 23b~~) of a the lock nut (~~23~~) received within the pocket (~~35~~) so as to unrotationally keep the nut therein.

3. (Currently Amended) The retainer according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ the further comprising:

holes (~~36, 37~~) for the threaded ~~portion (27a) of the stem (27)~~ are member provided in the third and first portions (~~33e, 33a~~) of the extension (~~33~~).

4. (Currently Amended) The retainer according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ the further comprising:

holes (~~36, 37~~) for the threaded ~~portion (27a) of the stem (27)~~ are member provided in the third and first portions (~~33e, 33a~~) of the extension (~~33~~).